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#### **Vessel moves**

There will be several boat moves over the weekend affecting the triangle, Bremerton/Seattle and the San Juan Islands routes. On Monday, March 5, you can expect the following changes:

##### Triangle route

The 87-car Evergreen State will replace the 124-car Kitsap on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth (triangle) route, joining the 87-car Tillikum and 124-car Issaquah. The 87-car Klahowya, the normal vessel on this route, will remain at the Eagle Harbor maintenance facility for approximately one month so crews can repair the drive motor.

##### Bremerton/Seattle

The 124-car Kitsap will replace the 124-car Chelan on the Bremerton/Seattle route, so the Chelan can go into the yard for maintenance to prepare for international service to Sidney, B.C.

##### San Juan Islands

The 64-car Salish will replace the 87-car Evergreen State as the inter-island vessel for approximately one month. We recognize that this is a temporary capacity reduction and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

#### **SMS year-end review**

This morning, I met with staff to review the safety management system (SMS) and see what improvements we can make to SMS for 2012. WSF takes great pride in our extraordinary safety record and we want to continue to be an industry leader in this area. Part of being an industry leader involves regularly evaluating your processes and procedures and making adjustments. I want to thank WSF employees for their dedication in getting our 22 million annual customers safely to and from their destinations.

#### **Terminal projects update**

WSF's nineteen domestic terminals stretching from south Puget Sound to the far reaches of the San Juan Islands are regularly undergoing preservation work to ensure reliable and safe service for our customers. I want to share with you construction updates and photos for the Seattle and Anacortes ferry terminals. As a point of reference, you can view an [illustration](#) that explains the parts that compose a ferry terminal.

There are two projects underway at the Seattle ferry terminal (Colman dock):

As part of the [Colman dock electrical upgrade project](#), construction crews continue the placement of conduit hangers under the trestle this week and later this month new panels will be installed on the trestle deck; view [photos](#) of current work. Some of the deck panels are formed on-site and others are cast off-site that are then trucked to the ferry terminal for installation. The trestle deck is being rebuilt with added strength to accommodate the weight of the new transformer vault building.

As part of [Colman dock's slip 2 rehabilitation](#), a new head frame was installed this week. A head frame is the steel structure that sits upon the off shore towers. The head frame has six large cables and supports the off shore end of the transfer span. The head frame also accommodates the adjustment of the transfer span (bridge) for tidal water elevation change throughout the day.

Anacortes ferry terminal:

Offshore maintenance concluded this week at the Anacortes ferry terminal. Work began in January to preserve the tie-up slips used for ferries during layover, see [photos](#). The most extensive construction took place in Slip 3 to shore up timber dolphins and wingwalls that were far beyond their useful life. Installation of steel pilings required that WSF charter two vessels to monitor for marine mammals while the pilings were installed.

### **Advertising update**

We have two new advertisers this month. Centurylink is advertising aboard the 144-car Kaleetan, 202-car Tacoma and 202-car Wenatchee, serving the Seattle routes (see [photos](#)). AmtrakCascades posters are displayed on the Seattle and Mukilteo/Clinton routes. I really want to thank our advertisers for this much needed non-farebox revenue to support the ferry system. For information about advertising with WSF, visit us [online](#).

### **Customer compliment**

I received the following compliment from a customer of the Edmonds/Kingston route. I want to thank Captain Webster and his crew for the thoughtfulness and professionalism they showed this customer and her family.

*Thank you for your help in arranging a memorial service...on the 10:25 a.m. ferry from Edmonds to Kingston on Feb. 21, 2012. We appreciate that the Washington State Ferry system made it possible for us to lay him to rest upon the Puget Sound waters of which he was so fond. We would like to thank Captain Tom Webster and his crew for all their efforts on our behalf. Their kindness, professionalism, and respect are a credit to the Washington State Ferry system...We would be grateful if you could pass our thanks and best wishes on to Captain Webster and his dedicated crew.*

### **Looking ahead at year five**

March 1<sup>st</sup> marked my fourth year of service at WSF. I am privileged to be starting my fifth year at this great organization. While we encounter challenges every day, I am always reminded that Washington is home to an internationally recognized ferry system due to the dedication of our employees and customers.

### **Next Week:**

- 144-car ferry construction progress meeting
- Marine industry quarterly meeting
- Joint transportation committee meeting

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